

Sir

Boston July 31 1776

I wrote you some time past in which I informed you that I had quitted my birthplace Water-town and should have come to Philadelphia if my health would have permitted. I have in some measure recovered my health, tho' I can't say I am so well as I could wish^{ye}. I should be glad to be doing something as I am intirely out employ now and every necessary of life very dear. As I have not recd. any Letter from you since that of the 16th of June, and your having sent for Capt. Carnegy to come to Philadelphia, I am at present at a loss to know whether I am to come to you at Philadelphia or be employed here, if I could serve your Interest as well, the most stirring department would be most agreeable to me, as I have found by experience that close writing has been very prejudicial to my health. However I am willing to serve you, where it shall be most for your Interest. I shall be glad to hear from you soon as I shall^{not} engage in any business (should any offer) till I hear from you. Your friend Mr. Bent has been very ill since his return from Philadelphia but hope he will soon be restored to health again.

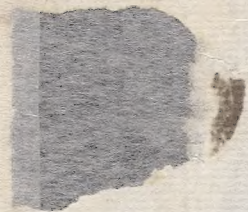
I am glad you have enjoyed so much health during your more abundant Labour in the cause of America, I pray God to continue your health & usefulness to these American States & go on to crown your Labour with Success — Mr. Lowell joins me in Compl^{ts} to your good Lady —

I am with the greatest respect

Y^r Your Most Obed. Sthl Serv^tHon^{ble} John Hancock Esq^r

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